of recognised freedom fighters whose co-prisoner certificate or personal knowledge certificates are acceptable for central pension;

(b) whether complaints have been received against some of them for giving false certificates; if so, the names of such freedom fighters, State-wise; and

(c) whether complaints received have been found correct?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Apart from former or sitting legislators, certificates from freedom fighters who have a proven jail suffering (one year for co-prisoner certificate and two years for personal knowledge certificate for underground / internment / externment sufferings) are acceptable, in cases where the official records are not forthcoming. No state-wise list of such certifiers is maintained.

(b) and (c) The Scheme was first introduced in 1972 and complaints have been received from time-to-time against such certifiers alleging that they are issuing co-prisoner certificates/personal knowledge certificates indiscriminately or on some consideration. On verification, in some cases it has been found that some certifiers have issued certificates indiscriminately. Records of all such complaints are not available.

Computer network for police stations

8000. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan to link all the Police Stations in the country on computer network;

(b) if so, whether some computers have already been installed;

(c) if so, what are the State-wise and district-wise details thereof; and

(d) the purpose for which these Computers are being presently used and what is the percentage of their utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Pensions to sons of freedom fighters

8001. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether sons of freedom fighters are eligible for pension, either as dependents or on any other grounds;

(b) if not, whether any exceptions have been made in this regard; and

(c) if so, in how many cases and on what grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) Under the Freedom Fighters' Pension Scheme introduced in 1972, sons of the deceased freedom fighters who were unable to establish themselves in life on account of imprisonment/ martyrdom of the freedom fighters were eligible for pension in exceptional cases. Under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, which came into effect from 1.8.80, sons of the deceased freedom fighters are not eligible for pension as a matter of general policy. Sons of the deceased freedom fighters have been sanctioned pension in a very limited number of cases but no separate record of such cases is kept. The considerations for sanction of pension in these cases have been inability of the sons of